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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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request for continued examination (RCE) under § 1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

The submission of the attached English language abstracts along with JPA Nos. 8-317212 (disclosed on page 2 in the specification) and 9-200518 (disclosed on page 2 in the specification) constitute concise statements of relevance of the respective references. Also, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 11-112814 is disclosed on page 2 in the specification and also corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 6,172,770 B1 submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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